

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A media distribution and playback system comprising:

one or more modules that provide a server-side subsystem, the one or more

modules being configured to access information for locating at least portions

of a plurality of media resources over the network;

a terminal-side subsystem of the system that enables a user to specify a user-query

that results in the one or more modules generating or identifying a search

result, wherein the search result identifies two or more media resources;

wherein the terminal-side subsystem of the system includes a network browsing

component and a media playback component, the media playback component

being configured to playback a first media resource of the plurality of media

resources, and to playback a second media resource of the plurality of media

resources automatically and continuously after the first media resource,

wherein the first and second media resources are identified in the search result

and comprise a set of media resources that are played back, and wherein the

media playback component is controllable with one or more commands from

the ~~services~~server-side subsystem to cause playback of at least one of the first

or second media resources; and

wherein the network browsing component is at least partially controlled by the

one or more modules to display network content.
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5. (Previously Presented) The media playback system of claim 1, further comprising a user-interface that is provided with the terminal-side subsystem of the system, the user-interface being configured to receive the user-query, and to communicate a criteria that is based on the user-query.

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7. (Previously Presented) The media playback system of claim 1, wherein the user-query identifies one or more search criteria, the one or more search criteria being elected from a group of search criteria consisting of an artist name, a media title, a genre of media, or a type of media file.

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21. (Previously Presented) A media distribution and playback system comprising:
a terminal-side subsystem being provided on a terminal and comprising a media playback component and a network browsing component, wherein the terminal-side subsystem is configured to enable a user-input that results in a search operation being performed using a database that stores information about a plurality of media resources, so that a search result is identifiable from the user-input;

the terminal-side subsystem being configured to receive one or more commands communicated from a server-side subsystem of the system over a network;
wherein the media playback component is at least partially and directly controllable by at least one of the commands that is received from the server-side portion over the

network, the media playback component using the at least one of the commands to continuously playback two or more media resources that are at least partially accessible over the network, including at least one media resource identified from the search result;

wherein the network browsing component is at least partially controllable by at least one of the terminal-side subsystem or at least one of the one or more commands, in order to display information associated with at least one media resource identified in the search result.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the network browsing component is operable to enable a user to interact with the system and to provide the user-input.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the network browsing component is operable with the media playback component without requiring any user-input.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the at least one media resource identified from the search result is directly streamed to the media playback component from the server-side portion of the system.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one of the two or more media resources that are continuously played back include an advertisement or a copyright notice.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one of the two or more media resources is played back automatically and in response to the user-input based that results in the search operation.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein at least one of the two or more media resources that are continuously played back include an advertisement or a

copyright notice.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one of the two or more media resources is played back from a result of a past search operation that was performed by a user using the system.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, further comprising a database that stores information for enabling the search operation to be performed to identify the search result.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the database resides at least partially on the terminal so as to be part of the terminal-side subsystem.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein a device on which the terminal-side subsystem is provided corresponds to anyone of a cellular device, a portable computer with non-cellular wireless communication capabilities, or a laptop or personal computer.

32. (Currently Amended) A media distribution and playback system comprising:
a terminal-side subsystem comprising a media playback component, wherein the media playback component is configured to include one or more user-interface features to control a playback of a given media resource by the media playback component, wherein the user-interface features include at least a play control and a stop control, the media playback component being installed on a terminal of the terminal-side subsystem and communicative with a network;
a server-side subsystem comprising one or more modules, the one or more modules storing or having access to information to enable access of a plurality of media resources that are playable over the network;
wherein the server-side subsystem is configured to directly communicate to the media playback component over the network;
wherein the one or more modules of the server-side subsystem are configured to send,

over the network, one or more commands to a terminal of the terminal-side subsystem;

wherein the one or more commands control the media playback component ~~to~~in playing ~~play~~ two or more of the plurality of media resources in an order designated by the server-side subsystem; and

wherein in response to a user interacting with one of the user-interface features, the media playback component is configured to send one or more commands from the terminal to the one or more modules of the server-side subsystem, the one or more commands from the terminal altering the one or more commands that are communicated from the server-side subsystem.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the user-interface features further comprises a pause control.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the user-interface features further comprises at least one of a fast-forward or skip control.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the at least two or more the plurality of media resources are directly streamed to the media playback component from the server-side subsystem.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein a device on which the terminal-side subsystem is provided corresponds to anyone of a cellular device, a portable computer with non-cellular wireless communication capabilities, or a laptop or personal computer.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the network used by the system includes one or more of the Internet, an extranet, an intranet, a non-cellular wireless network, and a cellular network, and wherein the server-side subsystem is provided on a separate server.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein a device on which the terminal-side subsystem is provided corresponds to anyone of a cellular device, a portable computer with non-cellular wireless communication capabilities, or a laptop or personal computer.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the network used by the system includes one or more of the Internet, an extranet, an intranet, a non-cellular wireless network, and a cellular network, and wherein the server-side subsystem is provided on a separate server.